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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Management and Services

SUBJECT: Second Feedback on Your Meeting of 22 August 1973 on Information Control

REFERENCE: Your Transmittal note dated 7 Sept 73, same subj

Bob:

1. Yes, it is clear from the comments you received from the participants at your 22 August 1973 meeting that we aren't clear on what we are talking about!!


2. I thought we were talking about information control in the records management sense. Most attendees, perhaps because they are ADP people, apparently thought we were talking about computer management in CIA.

3. If the intended subject was computer management in CIA, we were addressing an aspect of Agency activity already "managed" by an unusual number of management mechanisms... as you know better than most; to wit: "CIA V. P. for ADP" (now Harold); IP Board; IP Staff; IPC's in each Directorate; IPC's also in most substantive Offices using ADP; a special system for management review and approval of ADP acquisitions (hardware and software); an automated ADP/MIS covering every piece of ADP equipment, all ADP dollars, etc. in the Agency; the recent management move to consolidate in OJCS computer operations for Headquarters; the USIB's Information Handling Committee for community-wide issues, of which I am the CIA Member; etc. etc. Perhaps we aren't doing as well as we should or perhaps we are making unpopular decisions, but in any event it's not because we haven't given attention to ADP management and it's not because we haven't established management mechanisms. Certainly not!

4. If the intended subject was ADP management, I think the first step is for you and me to discuss what the problem is and why our several ADP management mechanisms are not succeeding and what we can do about it.

5. If the intended subject was Records Management, I don't think I have anything in the way of written comments now to add to my memo to you of 28 August. However, if records management is the subject, I would suggest another meeting with records-knowledgeable participants either in lieu of or in addition to the original group.

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